Coke Oven Batteries of Steel Plants of Sail

1312. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the production capacities of coke oven batteries of different steel plants of SAIL and their actual production in 1996-97 and 1997-98;

(b) the constraints of lower capacity utilisation, raw material, lower captive consumption of coke or any other reason; and

(c) the percentage of furnace oil in total energy consumption in 1997-98, in comparison to previous three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) Production capacities of Coke even batteries alongwith actual production of Blast Furnace Coke on dry basis during 1996-97 and 1997-98 were as follows:

Unit: '000 tonnes

Plant	Capacity	1996-97	1997-98
Bhilai Steel Plant	3390	2982.7	2926.3
Durgapur Steel Plant	1840	1169.1	1084.4
Rourkela Steel Plant	1660	1166.5	1003.7
Bokaro Steel Plant	3500	2432.3	2492.2

(b) The Blast Furnance Coke Production at SAIL Plants was low during 1996-97, 1997-98 compared to the capacity due to lower demand at SAIL Plants.

(c) The percentage of furnace oil in total Energy Consumption in 1997-98 in comparison to previous three years is as under:

Furnance Oil Consumption as percentage of energy input in SAIL Plants

1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
1.2%	1.3%	1.1%	0.6%

Delay in Revival and Modernisation of Ailing IISCO

1313. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal for revival/Modenisation of ailing Indian Iron and Steel Co. (IISCO) has been inordinately delayed causing significant cost escalation;

(b) if so, the details regarding the extent of delay in taking the decision in the matter and justification therefor, and

(c) the present status of the modernisation proposal for Indian Iron and Steel Company (IISCO) and details of the broad features of the plan proposal finalised, economic implication and implementation Schedule?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) to (c) Indian Iron & Steel Co. Ltd. (IISCO) was referred to BIFR in June 1994. Various schemes/proposals for revival and modernisation of IISCO were considered but could not be finalised due mainly to fund constraints. A proposal for modernisation of IISCO by utilisation of funds from the Steel Development Fund (SDF) is under consideration of the Government.

As IISCO has been referred to the BIFR, any scheme to be taken up for modernisation will have to be in accordance with the orders of the BIFR in this regard.